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ABSTRACT of ſeveral Acts of Parliament, now in Force, which were made for preventing His Majeſty's Subjects from Trading to the Eaſt-Indies, under Foreign Commiſſions; and from being intereſted or concerned in any Foreign Eaſt-India Company to be erected.

BY the following Acts of Parliament now in Force, and which were made, for preventing His Majeſty's Subjects from Trading to the Eaſt-Indies, under Foreign Commiſſions; and from being intereſted, or concerned, in any Foreign Eaſt-India Company, to be erected; it is Enacted as follows, *viz.*

5th Geo. I. *Cap.* 21.] By an Act paſſed in the 5th Year of His late Majeſty, King George the Firſt, all His Majeſty's Subjects, except thoſe Licenſed by the Eaſt-India Company, are prohibited from going to the Eaſt-Indies. — And to the End ſuch Offenders may be brought to Juſtice, the Eaſt-India Company are empowered to arreſt, and ſeize, ſuch Offenders in the Eaſt-Indies, and to ſend them to England, there to anſwer for the ſaid Offence; And every Britiſh Subject, who ſhall procure, ſollicit for, obtain, or act under, any Commiſſion, Authority, or Paſs, from any Foreign Prince, or State, to ſail, or go, or trade, in, or to the Eaſt-Indies, incurs, and forfeits, for every ſuch Offence, 500 *l.*

7th Geo. I. *Cap.* 21.] By another Act paſſed in the 7th Year of His late Majeſty King George the Firſt, every Subject of His Majeſty, who ſhall go to, or ſhall Trade, or Adventure into, or from, the Eaſt-Indies, (contrary to the Laws in being,) and ſhall be convicted thereof, in any of His Majeſty's Courts of Record, at Weſtminſter, is to pay, and ſuffer ſuch Fine, and Impriſonment, as the Court ſhall think fit.

And all the Goods, and Merchandize, that ſhall be bartered or traffick'd for, in the Eaſt-Indies, or purchaſed there, by any ſuch Offenders, or that ſhall be found in his Cuſtody, or in the Cuſtody of any other Perſon, by his Order, or Procurement, are declared to be forfeited, with Double the Value thereof.

9th Geo. I. *Cap.* 26.] By an Act paſſed in the 9th Year of His late Majeſty King George the Firſt, all His Majeſty's Subjects are prohibited from ſubſcribing, contributing to, encouraging, or promoting, the raiſing, eſtabliſhing, or carrying on, any Foreign Company, from, and after, the 24th Day of June 1723, to be raiſed, formed, or erected, for Trading to the Eaſt-Indies, and from being intereſted in, or intitled to, any Share in the Stock, or Capital, of ſuch Foreign Company, under Forfeiture of all his, her, or their Intereſt, in the Capital, Principal, Stock, or Actions, of any ſuch Foreign Company, together with Treble the Value thereof.

And the Attorney General is empowered to exhibit Bills of Complaint in the Court of Chancery, or Court of Exchequer, againſt ſuch Offenders, for the Diſcovery of ſuch Offence; which Diſcovery ſuch Offenders are obliged to make on the Attorney General's waving in ſuch Bill, the ſaid Forfeiture of the Treble Value, and inſiſting only on the Single Value thereof; And in ſuch Caſe, the Single Value is to be decreed to be paid by ſuch Offender.

And that every Subject of His Majeſty accepting of any Truſt, or knowing of any Intereſt, Share, Part, Proportion, or Concern, which any other of His Majeſty's Subjects ſhall have, or be intitled to, in any ſuch Foreign Company; and who ſhall not, within Six Months, next after the Accepting ſuch Truſt, or coming to the Knowledge of ſuch Intereſt, Share, Proportion, or Concern, as aforeſaid, truly diſcover the ſame in Writing to the Eaſt-India Company, or their Court of Directors, ſhall forfeit Treble the Value of the Intereſt ſo accepted in Truſt, or ſo known and not diſcovered, as aforeſaid; and any Perſon making ſuch Diſcovery, is intitled to a Moiety of the Forfeiture.

And all His Majeſty's Subjects (other than ſuch as are lawfully authorized thereunto,) going to, or found in the Eaſt-Indies, are declared guilty of a High Crime,

Crime, and Misdemeanor, and are made liable to Corporal Punishment, Imprisonment, or Fine, for the same, at the Discretion of such of His Majesty's Courts of Record at *Westminster*, where the Prosecution for such Offence shall be commenced.

And every Person so offending may be seized, and brought to England, and committed to Goal there, by any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, until sufficient Security be given by Natural-born Subjects or Denizens, to appear in the Court, where such Prosecution shall be commenced, to answer the same, and not depart without Leave of the Court.

3d Geo. II. *Cap.* 14.] By an Act passed in the 3d Year of His present Majesty, it is Enacted, That if any of His Majesty's Subjects (other than the East-India Company, and those licensed by them,) shall directly, or indirectly, go to, trade, or adventure into, or from, the East-Indies, every such Offender shall incur the Forfeiture, and Loss, of all the Ships, and Vessels, employed in such Voyage, Trade, or Adventure; and also all the Goods laden thereupon, or that were sent to, acquired, traded or adventured, within the East-Indies, and all the Proceed, and Effects, of the same, and Double the Value thereof.

Vienna, Feb. 9. M. Migazzi, lately appointed Minister from this Court to that of Spain, had on Friday last his Audience of Leave of their Imperial Majesties, and set out from hence on Monday for Madrid. General Count Brown arrived here Yesterday from Transilvania, and proposes setting out in a few Days for Bohemia, in order to take upon him the Command of the Troops in that Kingdom. Major General Corial, an experienced Officer, died here on the 3d Instant, in the 79th Year of his Age.

Venice, Feb. 11. Last Week Application was made to the Council for the usual Liberty of performing Operas and Masking during the Fair of the Ascension; but, in order to put a Stop to the Licentiousness and Disorders which are the natural Consequences of such Practices, the same was rejected. This occasions great Murmuring, not only amongst those who are disappointed of their Diversions, but also amongst the Trades People and Shopkeepers. The Ports of Ancona and Trieste do great Prejudice to the Trade of this Place, the latter particularly is every Day improving.

Copenhagen, Feb. 12. The Differences which have subsisted for some Years between this Court and that of Sweden, in Regard to the Regulation of the Limits in Norway, are, as we are assured, upon the Point of being adjusted to the reciprocal Satisfaction of both Crowns.

Berlin, Feb. 15. Major General Stosch has obtained Leave to resign his Employments, and is allowed a considerable Pension: The Command of his Regiment of Dragoons is given to Lieutenant Colonel Langermann. The King has conferred on M. Munchow, the Dignity of Provost of the Chapter of St. Sebastians at Magdebourg, in the room of the late Prince of Anhalt Dessau. His Majesty has disposed of the Regiment of Dragoons of the late Count Rothenbourg, in Favour of Baron Schonaich; and the young Prince of Anhalt Cothen is appointed Captain of a Company in the Regiment of Meyering, which is here in Garrison. 'Tis generally reported, that the Marriage of Prince Henry, the King's second Brother, with the Princess Wilhelmine of Hesse Cassel, will be celebrated in a short Time.

Hague, Feb. 22. The States of Holland and Westfrizeland will open their Assembly To-morrow, most of the Members being already arrived. We learn from Leyden, that M. Assendelst, ancient Burgomaster of that City, died there on Sunday last, in the 60th Year of his Age.

Whitehall, February 18.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint George Swiney, Esq; to be Captain of that Company whereof Peregrine Wentworth, Esq; was late Captain, in the King's own Regiment of Foot, commanded by Colonel Robert Rich.

Joseph Partridge, Esq; to be Captain Lieutenant to that Company in the Regiment whereof the Colonel himself is Captain.

And William Dalmahoy, Gent. to be Quarter-Master to the said Regiment.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint William Catherwood, Esq; to be Captain of that Independent Company of Invalids doing Duty at Plymouth, whereof William Arnot, Esq; was late Captain.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint William Arnot, Esq; to be Captain of that Company whereof William Catherwood, Esq; was late Captain in the King's own Regiment of Foot, commanded by Edward Wolfe, Esq; Lieutenant-General of his Majesty's Forces.

And Donald Valentine, Gent. to be Quarter-Master to the said Regiment.

The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint Henry Boisragon, Esq; to be Captain-Lieutenant to that Company in the Royal Regiment of Welch Fuzileers, commanded by John Husk, Esq; Lieutenant-General of his Majesty's Forces, whereof he himself is Captain.

Whitehall, February 15, 1752.

Whereas it has been humbly represented to the King, that on Tuesday Night last, the 11th *Instant, an anonimous Letter was thrown into the Court Yard belonging to the House of John Lister, Esq; at Bawtry in the County of York, requiring the said John Lister to* lay Fifty Pounds in Gallway Summer House, on the Warren, against Sunday next, *and threatning, in case of Refusal,* to burn his said House, and do other Mischief, *declaring, at the same Time, that* there is a Gang of Twenty of them, well armed, concerned in this Affair; *His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the several Persons therein concerned, is hereby pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to*

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any one of the Offenders (except the Perſon who actually wrote the ſaid Letter) who ſhall diſcover his or her Accomplice or Accomplices, ſo that he, ſhe or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

HOLDERNESSE.

And as a farther Encouragement the ſaid John Liſter, Eſq; does hereby promiſe a Reward of Fifty Pounds to the Perſon or Perſons making ſuch Diſcovery as aforeſaid, to be paid upon Conviction of one or more of the Offenders.

Whitehall, February 4, 1752.

Whereas it hath been humbly repreſented to the King, that, on Wedneſday the 15th of January, between Ten and Eleven o'Clock at Night, George Carey, of Epping, in the County of Eſſex, Higgler, was robbed, and barbarouſly murdered, by two, or more Men, between the 13 and 14 Mile Stone-Poſt, on Epping Foreſt, in the High Road from London to Epping; His Majeſty, for the better diſcovering, and bringing to Juſtice, the Perſons, concerned in the ſaid Robbery, and Murder, is pleaſed to promiſe his moſt gracious Pardon, to any one of them, (except the Perſon that actually committed the Murder,) who ſhall diſcover his Accomplice or Accomplices therein, ſo that he, or they, may be apprehended, and convicted thereof; and, alſo, a Reward of One Hundred Pounds to any Perſon, whether an Accomplice, or not, in the ſaid Crimes, (except the Perſon that committed the Murder,) who ſhall make ſuch Diſcovery as aforeſaid, over and above the Reward, given by Act of Parliament, for apprehending of Highwaymen; the ſaid Reward of One Hundred Pounds, to be paid by the Right Honourable the Lords Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Treaſury, upon Conviction of one or more of the Criminals.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

And as a further Encouragement, William Harvey, of Chigwell, and John Conyers, of Epping Place, in the County of Eſſex, Eſqrs do, hereby, jointly, promiſe a Reward of Twenty Pounds, for each Perſon who ſhall be ſo apprehended, and convicted, as aforeſaid, to be paid to the Perſon, or Perſons, making ſuch Diſcovery as is abovementioned, upon the Conviction of the reſpective Criminals; or, the Sum of Ten Pounds, to any Perſon, or Perſons, who ſhall only apprehend, and bring before the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of the City of London, or Henry Fielding, Eſq; one of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace, the two Perſons abovementioned, or either of them, of whom the following Deſcription is given, viz.

One of them, (the Perſon who committed the Murder,) is a ſlight-made, tall, pale faced, young Man, who, when the Robbery, and Murder, were committed, wore his own Black Hair; and had on, a Blue Grey Coat, with White Metal Buttons, and a Blue Apron, tyed round him: He then appeared like a Gardener, and is ſuppoſed to have worked, lately, about Kenſington.

The other is a ſhort Man, much Pock ſretten, whoſe Name is ſuppoſed to be Edward Williams, alias Ned, the Hardware Man; and who was meanly dreſſed, in a Browniſh, or Snuff-coloured Coat, with a Red, and Yellow Silk Handkerchief about his Neck. Both theſe Perſons are ſuppoſed to travel about the Country, with Stockings, and other Goods, to ſell; and the latter of them had, at the Time the Robbery, and Murder, were committed, a Wallet at his Back; and was ſeen, on the 18th of January laſt, at the Dolphin Alehouſe, in Whitechappel, where he lately lodged, but he left that Place abruptly, and has not ſince been heard of.

East India Houſe, Feb. 12, 1752.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the Eaſt Indies, do hereby give Notice,

That the Transfer Books for the ſaid Company's 3 ½ per Cent. Annuities will be ſhut on Friday the 6th Day of March next, at Two of the Clock, and opened again on Friday the 10th Day of April following.

And that the Dividend Warrants for the ſaid 3 ½ per Cent. Annuities, due at Lady-day next, will be delivered on Tueſday, Thurſday and Saturday in every Week (Holydays and Saturday Afternoon excepted) between the Hours of Nine and Twelve in the Forenoon, and Three and Five in the Afternoon, to begin on Thurſday the 23d Day of April next.

That the Transfer Books for the ſaid Company's 3 per Cent. Annuities, will be ſhut on Saturday the 7th Day of March next, at Two of the Clock, and opened again on Saturday the 11th Day of April following.

And that the Dividend Warrants for the ſaid 3 per Cent. Annuities, due at Lady-day next, will be delivered on Monday, Wedneſday and Friday in every Week, (Holydays excepted) between the Hours of Nine and Twelve in the Forenoon, and Three and Five in the Afternoon, to begin on Friday the 24th Day of April next.

N. B. The Poſſeſſors of the Company's mark'd Bonds and Certificates for Eaſt India Annuities, are deſired to bring them in to be made Stock before the ſhutting of the Books, as otherwiſe Warrants for the Dividends due thereon at Lady-day next, cannot be made out until Michaelmas following. No Certificates or Permits will be taken in to be made Stock, during the Time the Books are ſhut.

East India Houſe, Feb. 12, 1752.

The Court of Directors of the United Company of Merchants of England trading to the Eaſt Indies, do hereby give Notice,

That the Transfer Books of the ſaid Company's Stock will be ſhut on Thurſday the 5th Day of March next, at Two of the Clock.

That a Quarterly General Court of the ſaid Company will be held at their Houſe in Leadenhall-ſtreet, on Wedneſday the 18th Day of March next, at Eleven in the Forenoon.

That the Liſts of the Members of the ſaid Company will be ready to be delivered at their ſaid Houſe, on Tueſday the 24th Day of ſaid March.

That a General Court will be held at their ſaid Houſe, on Wedneſday the 8th Day of April next, for the Election of Twenty-four Directors of the ſaid Company for the Year enſuing, which will continue from Nine in the Morning until Six in the Afternoon of the ſame Day, after which no Liſts will be taken in.

And that the Transfer Books of the ſaid Company's Stock will be opened on Thurſday the 9th Day of the ſaid April.

Tower of London, Jan. 17, 1752.

The Lieutenant General and Principal Officers of his Majeſty's Ordnance give Notice, That they will ſell, by Publick Auction, on Thurſday the 27th of February next, Sundry Lots of Powder Horns, Lanthorns, Yarn'd Hydes, Cartouch Boxes, Scabbards, Muſquet and Piſtol Barrels, Muſquets with Iron and Braſs Furniture, Braſs Work for Muſquets, Muſquet Locks, Swords, Tarr'd Rope, Breechings, Tacklefalls, Pots or Head Pieces, Back and Breaſt Plates of Armour, with Cloathing, Bedding, and other old and unſerviceable Stores lying in the Tower, where they may be viewed till the Time of Sale; and printed Liſts of the Lots will be delivered to ſuch Perſons as apply for them.

By Order of the Board,
Charles Buſh.

Navy-Office, Feb. 17, 1752.

The Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of his Majeſty's Navy give Notice, That they will be ready to treat with ſuch Perſons as are deſirous to contract for the Stores under-mentioned, for his Majeſty's Service, on the Days expreſt againſt the ſame, that they may attend with their Propoſals accordingly, viz.

Hemp, on Wedneſday the 26th Inſtant.
Tar, on Friday the 28th Inſtant.
Iron, on Wedneſday the 4th of March.
Dantzick Goods, on Friday March 6.
Norway Goods, on Wedneſday March 11.

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